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Application of : Junji ICHIMIYA

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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, AND SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT

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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the information identified herein is also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, filed concurrently herewith, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that these items are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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The following commonly-owned U.S. patent application is brought to the attention of the Examiner:

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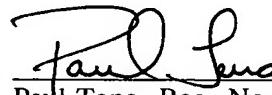
(a) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/951,071 of ICHIMIYA et al., filed September 13, 2001.

A copy of the commonly-owned U.S. patent application is enclosed herewith.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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